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For: STABLE LIPID-COMPRISING DRUG  
DELIVERY COMPLEXES AND METHODS  
FOR THEIR PRODUCTION

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 19, 2003 (Paper No. 121003), for which a response was due on March 19, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 21, 2004, as June 19, 2004 falls on a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.